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SUBJECT: HEAD OF STATE: PRESIDENT TURBAY'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS

1. SUMMARY: IN HOUR-LONG ADDRESS, TURBAY:
A) EMPHASIZED NECESSITY FO IMPROVING INDIVIDUAL AND STATE SECURITY;
B) PROMISED TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, REDUCE UNEMPLOYMENT, AND DIVERSIFY EXPORTS;
C) DECLARED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD PURSUE "MERCILESS CRUSADE" AGAINST NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING;
D) PROMISED THAT CONSERVATIVE PARTY WOULD BE AMPLY REPRESENTED IN HIS GOVERNMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. IN HOUR-LONG INAUGURAL ADDRESS, DELIVERED BEFORE JOINT SESSION OF COLOMBIAN CONGRESS AUG 7, PRESIDENT TURBAY:
A) EMPHASIEZD NECESSITY OF IMPROVING INDIVIDUAL AND STATE SECURITY; CALLED UPON ALL COLOMBIANS TO COOPERATE WITH GOVERNMENT IN THIS EFFORT; STATED PROGRESS WOULD BE ACHIEVED NOT BY REPRESSION BUT ONLY BY ADOPTION OF A WIDE RANGE OF SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, AND LEGAL MEASURES; ENVISAGED ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION ON STATE SECURITY THAT WOULD OBIVATE
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NEED FOR RECOURSE TO STATE OF SIEGE; AND DECLARED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WULD HONOR CONSITUTION AND DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM BUT, WITHIN PRESCRIBED LIMITS, WOULD USE NECESSARY AUTHORITY AND FORCE TO COMBAT ENEMIES OF THE STATE.
B) CALLED UPON DEMOCRATIC LABOR UNIONS TO REASSERT THEMSELVES DECLARED HIS GOERNMENT WOULD NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST UNIONS ON IDEOLOGICAL GROUNDS AND WOULD DEFEND THEIR RIGHT TM

SEEK BETTER CONDITIONS FOR THE WORKERES, BUT WOULD NOT TOLERATE SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.

C) PROMISED TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND REDUCE UNEMPLOYMENT; ADVOCATED ESTABLISHMENT OF NETWORK OF INDUSTRIAL PARKS AND GREATER USE OF COOPERATIVES IN BOTH PRODUCTION AND SALES; ENVISAGE INCREASED ATTENTION TO PROBLEM OF INTEGRATING COUNTRYSIDE INTO NATIONAL ECONOMIC LIFE; CALLED FOR DIVERSIFICATION OF COLOMBIAN EXPORTS.

D) ENVISAGE CLOSER ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH COLOMBIA'S NEIGHBORS, VENEZUELA AND ECUADOR.

E) DESCRIBED RELATIONS WITH THE US AS CORDIAL; EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE OFFER OF COOPERATION MADE BY PRESIDENT CARTER IN THE LATTER'S CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FOLLOWING TURBAY'S ELECTION; DECLARED THAT, FOR HIS GOVERNMENT, THE FIGHT ON NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING WOULD TAKE THE FORM OF A "MERCILESS CRUSADE."

F) DECLARED THAT COLOMBIA WOULD CONTINUE TO FOLLOW POLICY OF HAVING RELATIONS WITH STATES ADGERING TO VARIOUS IDEOLOGIES; CALLED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER; AFFIRMED COLOMBIA'S ATTACHMENT TO PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION AND REJECTION OF COLONIALISM; UNDERTOOK TO EXPAND COLOMBIA'S RELATIONS WITH AFRICA.

G) DECLARED HIMSELF IN FAVOR OF A SOUND CURRENCY AND PROMISED NO ABRUPT CHANGES IN EXCHANGE AND MONETARY POLICY.

H) PROMISED THAT CONSERVATIVE PARTY WOULD BY AMPLY REPRESENTED IN HIS GOVERNMENT AND EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT REFORMS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEALING WITH FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS OF GOVERNMENT SHOULD ONLY BE MADE WITH CONCURRENCE OF OPPOSITION.

I) EXPRESSED SOLIDARITY WITH ARMED FORCES IN THEIR FIGHT AGAINST ANTI-DEMOCRATIC ELEMENTS.

3. USICA SENDING TRANSLATION OF THAT PORTION OF SPEECH DEALING WITH US-COLOMBIAN RELATIONS BY SEPTTEL. ASECIO

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